GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3198
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001
ESTABLISHMENT OF NATURE PARK AT VISAKHAPATNAM
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Weather the Government has requested to accord clearance and funding to the nature park of Visakhapatnam of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason of there pendency; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU):

(a) to (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought financial assistance of Rs.20.00 crores for development of an area of 6037.33 hectares in Kambalakonda Forest block of Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh as nature park in order to preserve and improve the natural flora and fauna in the area. Since nature park is not a legally recognized entity the state Government has been requested to notify the area as Wildlife Sanctuary. The central Government would in positionto provide assistance for development of the sanctuary in a phased manner once it has been notified as a sanctuary.